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GERMANS RENEW ATTEMPTS TO FORCE WAY THROUGH ALLIED LINES BETWEEN ARRAS AND NORTH COAST OF FRANCE

Kaiser Determined to Resume Offensive--Heavy Cannonading Near Nieuport is Reported in Official Dispatches--French Gunners are Said to Maintain the Advantage at Bethune

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—All the waters around England and France, including the English channel, were declared in the war zone in an official announcement issued by the German admiralty. The order becomes effective February 15.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The Japanese cruiser Asama is ashore on the rocks near San Bartolome Bay, Lower California, and probably will be a total loss, according to a wireless received by the navy department from Admiral Howard.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—The Germans in France, strongly reinforced, are making violent attempts today to take the offensive and force back the allied lines along the coast of Arras. Heavy cannonading around Nieuport is reported in official dispatches. The Germans have resumed their work of dropping shells across the allied lines into Furnes.

Near Notre Dame Lorette, German infantry made an unsuccessful attempt to smash against the French trenches after several hours of artillery duelling.

The French gunners are said to maintain the advantage in the region between Arras and Bethune. West of Labasse, the German artillery is particularly active.

Aircouts reported that the Germans are preparing for another onslaught on the British positions between Labasse and Bethune. French shells have worked havoc in the ranks of the German regiment conveying supply and ammunition trains in the Wovre region. At this point, the Germans have abandoned their train movements. In the Vosges region, a thaw has set in and mountain streams have been converted into torrents. Floods threaten to hinder operations.

TWO KILLED IN REVOLVER FIGHT FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS QUARREL

MARSHALL, Texas, Feb. 4.—Marshall was deeply stirred today when a coroner's inquest was opened into the death of William Black, an ex-prisoner of Belleair, Ohio, and John Rogers, a leading Catholic of Marshall. Black's revolver showed no shot had been fired by him, while he was struck in five vital spots by bullets following a religious quarrel. Papers are being prepared to charge C. F. Hall of St. Paul, Minn., with murder. John Copeland, a Catholic, who accompanied Rogers in a dying statement, charged Hall with engaging in

a revolver battle in Black's room at a hotel last night. George Ryan, a third Catholic, faced a murder charge for the death of Black. A tussle by Black on Tuesday night attacking Catholicism led to a visit from three Catholic churchmen and the shooting followed. Hall was Black's traveling companion. Miss Sallie Black, step-daughter of Black, is under police guard. Friends of Hall are trying to raise a bond so he could take Black's place in delivering anti-Catholic lectures which have been advertised. Ryan is at liberty on \$10,000 bail.

TESTIMONY IN BURKE CASE IS BEGUN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Taking of testimony in the Richard Burke murder trial was commenced at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, a full day and a half having been used in the selection of a jury and the making of the preliminary statements. It is expected that the taking of testimony will continue at least through tomorrow.

The jury was not finally secured until nearly 1:30 this morning and only after three special venues had been called. The defense exercised all 12 of the peremptory challenges allowed it by law but the state exercised only one of its six.

The jury as finally selected is composed of J. D. Bramwell, S. W. Wattenberger, Charles Hamilton, J. T. Laing, R. W. Brown, R. Raymond, Walter Benson, John Tompkins, Joseph Hodgson, A. M. Winn, D. H. Schumacher and James Hartnett. Of these only Bramwell belonged upon the regular jury list.

At 4:30 yesterday afternoon the court had to adjourn because of a shortage of jurors, the state having exercised one peremptory and the defense seven at that time, thus depleting the supply of jurors on the regular list and the first special venire of 12. This morning the court opened with six new jurors present but by ten o'clock this venire was exhausted with the jury still incomplete. A third special venire of three was called and it required two of these three to fill the jury box.

would prove that Kirkpatrick was shot without having given any provocation, while the defense declared it would show that Kirkpatrick was entirely at fault and that the shooting was both in self-defense and not deliberate.

Both sides agreed that the young Indian had driven Billie Clifford, a woman in the twenties, and Grace Maggart, a girl in the early teens, from Pendleton to the ranch of Fred Hobby where a dance was being held. The state contends the girls went there as unbidden guests but the defense asserts that, while they received no formal invitations, they understood that they would be welcome and were welcomed and escorted into the house.

The state's evidence will show, declared the district attorney, that late in the night or early in the morning the two young ladies were escorted out of the house and helped into the buggy and that Ed Kirkpatrick was chiding the Clifford woman for her conduct when Burke who had been a short distance away walked up and said in effect, "That's enough of that talk." The state's witnesses will state their belief that Kirkpatrick did not hear the remark and that, when Burke again spoke, he turned. As he did so Burke opened fire, they say, shooting twice, one bullet striking Kirkpatrick in the leg and ringing downward. At the time Vic Ehrhart and Ernest Schreckler were with Kirkpatrick and Jim Rose came from the front porch of the house at the sound of the shooting and tried to dissuade the Indian from shooting further. Burke's reply, according to the state, was a shot in the direction of Rose and after that he forced the four men at the point of the revolver to walk backward to the house, where he stood threatening them. John Hoffman circled around behind the Indian, according to the state, knocked the revolver from him and overpowered him.

Col. Raley for the defense stated that Burke had accompanied the girls to the Hobby place at their invitation to act as driver and, upon reaching

VILLA ANNOUNCES HIMSELF HEAD OF MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Leader Practically Has Assumed Position as President of Republic—Appoints Cabinet.

REASONS ARE SET FORTH

Explanation Made That He Has Heretofore Been Unable to Work in Conjunction With His Forces in the South—Now Takes Supreme Control of the Government.

EL PASO, Feb. 4.—General Villa has practically proclaimed himself the president of Mexico. He has assumed supreme political power over the organized government with himself at the head. Villa gave as his reason that interruption of communication had made it impossible for him to work in conjunction with his forces in the south.

Villa has named the following members to serve in his cabinet: Minister of Foreign Relations and Justice, Miguel Diaz Lombardo. Cobernacion and Communications, Dr. Luis De Garza Cardenas. Treasury and Fomento, Francisco Escudero.

ICE FLOES SINK STEAMSHIP BUT CREW ESCAPES TO LAND

DISASTER OVERTAKES IOWA THREE MILES OFF THE CHICAGO RIVER.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The steamship Iowa, 846 tons, of the Goodrich line sank in Lake Michigan this morning three miles off the mouth of the Chicago river.

Advices reaching here said that the 75 members of the crew made their way over the ice floes and reached land.

Details of the disaster are meager. The first news was received from the Iowa's wireless by the local agents. It is believed that the sides of the steamship were stove in by the ice. No passengers were carried.

IMMIGRATION BILL IS KILLED IN THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The immigration bill was killed in the house when supporters of the measure failed to muster a two-thirds vote necessary to carry it over the president's veto.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Germans try to resume offensive in France. Teutons and Slavs clash in Poland. Villa assumes head of government.

Local. Furnish project is sold to Tacoma timbermen, who will take charge. Taking of testimony in Burke murder trial begun; courtroom jammed. Cutoff and new bridge east of Pendleton will be built.

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MEASURE REVISING PRIMARY LAW GOES IN STATE SENATE

Bill Repeals Preferential System of Voting and Would Make Other Changes in System.

SEVERAL BILLS PASS HOUSE

SENATE SUBSTITUTE BILL ALLOWING WOMEN TO WORK OVERTIME IN CANNERIES DURING RUSH SEASON IS ADOPTED.—Irrigation Bonds Bill Is Also Passed in House.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4.—Without a dissenting vote the senate passed the bill revising the direct primary law. The bill repeals the preferential system of voting and provides for an election of delegates to national conventions, two from each congressional district and the remainder at large. The law repeals the provision that the state pay expenses of the delegates.

It also provides that presidential electors shall be elected at large and for the voters to express a choice of candidates for president and vice-president. The house passed the substitute senate bill allowing women employed in canneries to work overtime in rush seasons.

The senate passed the bill providing that officials leaving the state on business must first file a statement of estimated expenses with the governor and obtain his approval. The house bill authorizing the governor to fill any vacancy in the United States senate by appointment was also passed. The house passed the following other bills:

Barrow's bill providing that a drunken chauffeur, killing a pedestrian, shall be punished for manslaughter; house bill empowering the state to purchase bonds of irrigation districts.

Tokamaru's Cargo Worth \$500,000 WELLINGTON, N. Z. Feb. 3.—via London.—The cargo on board the Tokamaru, one of the steamers sunk recently in the English channel by a German submarine, was valued at \$500,000. The Tokamaru was on her way from this port to London when she was sent to the bottom.

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FURNISH PROJECT PASSES TO NEW INTERESTS

Tacoma Capitalists Negotiate Exchange, Giving in Part Payment Large Tract of Timber Land.

DEAL INVOLVES \$500,000

J. O. Storey and Associates Are New Owners—Holdings of Storey Timber Company, Comprising About 5000 Acres Near Tacoma, Go to W. J. Furnish and Associates.

By a deal that was consummated in Tacoma yesterday, W. J. Furnish and associates have sold their interests in the Furnish project to J. O. Storey and associates of Tacoma and in exchange have taken in part payment a large body of timber located 25 miles from Tacoma. The price is not made public but is said to have totaled a sum approximately half a million dollars.

The Inland Irrigation Co., better known as the Furnish project, was heretofore owned and operated by W. J. Furnish, E. P. Marshall and R. H. Irwin.

The property of the company included in the sale of the company, consists of all of the capital stock of the Inland Irrigation Co., carrying with it over 5000 acres of irrigable lands, with a water right from the Furnish ditch for the same and between 5000 and 6000 acres pasture lands not irrigable, all of which properties are turned over clear of encumbrance.

Mr. Furnish and associates have taken over all the holdings of the Storey Timber Co. at Tacoma in part payment for the irrigation project and have succeeded to the management of the same. The Storey Timber Co. owns and consists of about 8000 acres of fine timber lands about 25 miles from Tacoma, tributary to the Milwaukee railroad, together with the necessary railroads, logging equipment, saw mills and equipment. It is understood that Mr. Storey intends to move to Stanfield and give the project, which is admitted to be one of the best in the state, his personal attention. Mr. Storey is said to be a man of affairs, with much ability and unlimited energy.

Mr. Furnish, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Irwin have retained all their personal holdings of lands on the project, and in addition to this Mr. Furnish has holdings under the U. S. project, the Hinkle ditch and the Courtney ditch. Mr. Furnish and Mr. Marshall are also extensive owners of Umatilla county wheat lands.

On account of their extensive holdings it goes without saying that they will continue to take an active interest in the development and welfare of the county.

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EASTERN OREGON COUNTIES WILL KEEP MAN AT EXPO

AGREEMENT IS REACHED AT MEETING HELD YESTERDAY AT BAKER.

Each of the five counties interested in putting in an eastern Oregon exhibit at the Oregon building of the Panama-Pacific exposition will keep a man at the booth for four months, according to an agreement reached yesterday at a meeting in Baker. Secretary C. K. Cranston of the Pendleton Commercial association, who represented Umatilla county, brought back news of the arrangement this morning and this afternoon is before the county court to get approval of the plans as laid.

According to the schedule as adopted yesterday, Umatilla county will keep a man at the fair from April 15 to June 15 and from October 15 to December 4. Malheur county will keep a man there from February 15 to April 15 and from June 15 to September 15. Baker county has been assigned from February 15 to April 15 and from October 15 to December 4. Union county will send a man from April 15 to June 15 and from August 15 to October 15 and Wallowa county from June 15 to August 15 and from September 15 to December 4.

This schedule will keep two men at the eastern Oregon booth at all times and three part of the time. At the meeting yesterday Secretary Meacham of the Baker Commercial club was unanimously agreed upon as the man to install the booth.

RIGHT OF WAY FOR CUTOFF SECURED BY COUNTY COURT

NEW BRIDGE EAST OF CITY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AS PLANNED.

The right of way for the cutoff to the new bridge to be built across the Umatilla just east of Pendleton has been secured by the county court and the bridge and cutoff will be built as planned, according to information given out by the court today. The land for the right of way was purchased from Mrs. E. W. McComas at satisfactory terms.

Since the protest made by the taxpayers' association, a number of those who opposed the cutoff, most vigorously have been taken to the scene of the proposed cutoff and the plan explained to them. This has resulted in a change of sentiment inasmuch as these men had mistaken notions as to the cost of the work. A total of about 5800 yards of dirt will have to be moved but most of it will be moved just across the river to be used in a fill and this will reduce the cost of the steel work of the bridge. Judge Marsh stated that the reduction in the amount of steel from this fill will about pay for the cost of making the cutoff.

Before Judge Maloney resigned the court had decided upon the new bridge and the cutoff on account of the dangerous condition of the turn to the present bridge and because the present bridge is not a safe one.

DEMOCRATS ARE UP IN AIR OVER SHIPPING MEASURE

MEMBERS AT STANDSTILL IN EFFORT TO STRAIGHTEN OUT QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Democratic members of congress are at a standstill in their effort to straighten out the complications in the government ship purchase bill.

Efforts are in progress to muster sufficient votes to prevent a commitment of the bill to the hostile senate committee. One vote is lacking.

Michigan Convention. DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 4.—Republican county conventions for the election of delegates to the spring convention of the party will be held tomorrow throughout Michigan. The state convention will be held a week from today at Grand Rapids.

CITY'S DEATH RATE DURING 1914 LOWER THAN AVERAGE

PENDLETON HOLDS RECORD WITH SINGLE EXCEPTION OF WASHINGTON.

Pendleton's death rate during the year 1914 was lower than the average death rate in any state in the union with the single exception of the state of Washington. The total number of deaths here was 88 and this number estimated on a basis of 7900 population makes slightly less than 19 in one thousand.

According to a report just submitted by the bureau of the census this percentage is lower than the percentage of almost all the large cities of the country. The average for the large cities runs from 14 to 17 per cent. The city of Memphis, Tenn., has a death rate of 20.8 per thousand. Seattle makes the most favorable showing of any large city, the Seattle rate being 8.4 per thousand.

Taking the United States as a whole the death rate last year was 14.7 per thousand.

New Submarine for United States Navy



The submarine torpedo boat L-1, one of the largest of its kind ever built for the United States, photographed after it had been launched at the Fore River Shipbuilding Yards. Mrs. Elizabeth Scott Daubin, wife of Lieutenant Freeland Daubin, commander of the new vessel, was its sponsor.

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